

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2000-302-C - ORDER NO. 2003-420
JUNE 19, 2003

IN RE: Application of Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a) ORDER CANCELLING
eLEC Communications for a Certificate of Public) CERTIFICATE
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Facilities)
Based Local Exchange and Resold Long Distance)
Telecommunications Services and for Flexible)
Regulation of its Local Exchange Services and)
Alternative Regulation of its Long Distance)
Business Service Offerings.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of a request from Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications (“Essex” or the “Company”) seeking cancellation of its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services and resold intrastate long distance telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina. A review of the docket file reveals that the Commission granted Essex authority to provide facilities-based local exchange telecommunications services with flexible regulation of such services and resold intrastate long distance telecommunications services with alternative regulation of such services by Order No. 2000-841, dated October 12, 2000.

By letter dated May 28, 2003, Essex advised the Commission that Essex respectfully requests to cancel its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to

provide telecommunications services in South Carolina. Essex asserts that the Company has not operated under its present certification, and states further that currently Essex does not intend to commence operations.

As Essex, by its own acknowledgement, is not providing the services for which its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity was granted, the Commission finds and concludes that the request of Essex to cancel its Certificate should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide facilities-based local exchange and resold long distance telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina granted to Essex Communications, Inc. d/b/a eLEC Communications by Order No. 2000-841, dated October 12, 2000, is hereby cancelled.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Mignon L. Clyburn, Chairman

ATTEST:



Gary E. Walsh, Executive Director

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